

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to refer to a list of a plurality of manufacturers or vendors and a plurality of parts, and to incorporate the limitations of claims 3 and 4 into claim 1 and the limitations of claim 13 into claim 11. Claims 3 and 4 and 13 have been cancelled, and claim 10 amended accordingly. The remaining claims are 1, 5 – 8, 10, 11, and 14 – 17.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Kopowski in view of Messer is respectfully traversed. The rejection appears to have been made over these references because the wording of the claims in the last amendment was broad enough to encompass the display of a single manufacturer or a single part. This has been clarified in the present amendment wherein it clear, as shown in the drawing, that the information made available to the user on clicking on one of a plurality of parts of the displayed device comprises a plurality of manufacturers, and wherein the user can obtain information about part, or can purchase the part, by clicking one of the manufacturers or vendors. None of the references discloses or suggests this important feature. Indeed both Kopowski and Messer teach away from the claims. Kopowski refers to a web site for a single manufacturer and therefore displays information from only one manufacture, whereas the claims call for display of a list of a plurality of manufacturers. A user of Kopowski's site clicks on a part of a schematic drawing to order the part, but it would be contrary to Kopowski's purpose to have a list of other manufacturers displayed at that point. In the claims, once the list of manufacturers is displayed, the user clicks on the selected manufacturer to obtain information about, or to purchase the part previously selected.

Respectfully, Messer doesn't disclose what is contended for by the Examiner. Applicant has studied Messer in great detail and nowhere finds any suggestion to click on a displayed part, or any suggestion that a part number is displayed. Indeed, the only mention of the word "part" is in Table II where Messer simply lists various categories of clearinghouses; it does not refer to part numbers. In fact, Messer only displays banner ads. There is nothing in Messer to suggest that when a user clicks on a part of a

displayed device, a list of manufacturers will be displayed, or when clicking on a manufacturer from the list, the part can be purchased or information about the part can be displayed.

Moreover, it is not proper to combine Messer with Kopowski because there is nothing in Kopowski even remotely suggesting the need for a list of manufacturer's to be displayed, and nothing in Messer that suggests the need for a display of parts.

Applicant submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully solicits a Notice of Allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0337. If an extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit account No. 50-0337. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Berliner', written over a horizontal line.

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